

MINUTES

South Carolina Real Estate Commission

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 10:00am

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Crigler called the meeting of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members participating in this meeting included:

David Crigler – Chair – 4th Congressional District
G. Hamlin O’Kelley – Vice Chair - Public Member
Candace Pratt – 1st Congressional District
David C. Lockwood, III, 2nd Congressional District
Andy Lee – 3rd Congressional District
Manning Biggers – 5th Congressional District
Buccie Harley – 6th Congressional District
Wayne Poplin – At-Large Member
Johnathan Stackhouse – Public Member

Staff members participating during the meeting included Roderick Atkinson, Board Administrator; Wanda Cooke, Administrative Assistant; Georgia Lewis, Office of Advice Counsel; Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Alex Imgrund, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Public Notice:

Chairman Crigler announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Real Estate Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Ms. Pratt.

Excused Absences

Tony Cox – 7th Congressional District

MOTION:

Mr. Lee made a motion to excuse Mr. Cox. Mr. Poplin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Harley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2016

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016, meeting. Mr. Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

David Crigler

Introduction of Board Members and Staff

Administrator's Remarks:

Rod Atkinson

1. Licensure Update as of March 9, 2016

• Broker	5097
• Broker In Charge	7405
• Property Manager	1419
• Property Manager In Charge	1201
• Salesman	19757
• Salesman (Provisional)	2062
TOTAL ACTIVE	36,941

• Inactive Broker	1562
• Inactive Property Manager	482
• Inactive Salesman	5098
TOTAL INACTIVE	7,142

**TOTAL CURRENT LICENSES
AS OF 3/9/16 44,083**

2. Budget - The board reviewed the budget reports for February, 2016.

3. Investigations and Enforcement

Sharon Wolfe presented the Commission with an overview of the opened and closed cases from January 1, 2016 – March 9, 2016, as well as the same time frame for the previous year.

4. IRC Report - The Commission reviewed the IRC report from March 8, 2016.

MOTION:

Mr. O'Kelley made the motion to approve the *Cease and Desist* portion of the IRC report from March 8, 2016. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made the motion to approve the *Formal Complaint* portion of the IRC report from March 8, 2016. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Poplin made the motion to approve the *Letter of Caution* portion of the IRC report from March 8, 2016. Mr. Stackhouse seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Alex Imgrund, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, briefly updated the Commission on pending cases.
6. Mr. Atkinson reminded Commission Members that the 2016 State Ethics Commission filings are due by March 30, 2016. Instructions will be emailed to each Commission member.
7. Mr. Atkinson gave a brief update on pending legislation. Nick Kremydas, SCR, was present and also gave some insight on this issue.

New Business

1. Dylan Sitterle, LLR Statistics and Analytical Research, addressed the Commission to discuss *CE Broker*, a service that will track continuing education. CE Broker is being considered agency-wide. However, the Real Estate Commission will be one of the first boards to actually implement this service. Details are still being finalized with Procurement to determine a start date.
2. *Electronic Rent Payments to Unlicensed 3rd Party Clearinghouse* – SCR asked that this topic be tabled until the next available meeting since Byron King was unable to attend the meeting today.

APPLICATION HEARINGS

William Benson

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding William Benson. Mr. Benson appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Harley made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Pratt made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Poplin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to approve Mr. Benson to sit for the examination. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

O'Brien Grant

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding O'Brien Grant. Mr. Grant appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Harley made a motion to approve Mr. Grant to sit for the examination. Mr. O'Kelley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Dawn Gilmore

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Dawn Gilmore. Ms. Gilmore appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Lockwood made a motion to approve Ms. Gilmore to sit for the examination. Mr. Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Charles Ward

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Charles Ward. Mr. Ward appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Biggers made a motion to approve Mr. Ward to sit for the examination. Mr. Stackhouse seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Thomas Fleenor, Jr.

Mr. Fleenor was not present; therefore, the Commission did not hold an Application Hearing.

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to continue the application hearing for Mr. Fleenor until the May 2016 meeting. Mr. Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Enoch Walters

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Enoch Walters. Mr. Walters appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. O'Kelley made a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lockwood made a motion to approve Mr. Walters' application to sit for the sales examination. Upon passing the sales exam, Mr. Walters would be required to wait three (3) years before he could apply for an upgrade to Broker. Additionally, Mr. Walters will be required to reappear before the Commission before he can take the Broker's exam. Mr. Harley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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MOTION:

Ms. Pratt made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Poplin made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Poplin made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Stackhouse seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.